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CAPELIN Emigration to the United States

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Reference - HQW-681 dated 7 November 1952

1. CAPELIN has informed us that his wife wishes to emigrate from Germany to the United States as soon as possible (which they presume to be about five months from now). Mrs. CAPELIN, they plan, would remain there the necessary year, file her first papers, and return to Germany. Assuming this could be done under PL 110, as mentioned in Reference, we told CAPELIN that we would investigate the possibilities and inform him later.

2. Presuming that it is possible for Mrs. CAPELIN to enter the United States in the above method under PL 110, we see two possibilities for accomplishing this in a secure manner which will not endanger CAPELIN's relationship with his present contacts:

- a. Mrs. CAPELIN would be processed through the Munich Consulate under PL 110, her departure timed so as to correspond with the first group of emigrants entering the United States under the Watkins Act, or
- b. Both CAPELIN and Mrs. CAPELIN would be issued visitors' visas by the Munich Consulate, on the strength of a real or fictitious invitation from the World Council of Churches, the Autocephalous Church, or some other church group in the United States, and file while there, both or CAPELIN alone returning to Germany under the so-called "Dollar Contract" system.

3. While 2a above would leave CAPELIN on the job here, we believe it would be difficult to conceal from the local emigre population -- which is understandably extremely alert regarding United States immigration regulations and activity -- the fact that Mrs. CAPELIN's procedure will be somewhat different, especially if anyone were curious enough to question her about it. Under plan 2b, however, Mrs. CAPELIN would follow entirely and exclusively the normal procedure pattern for a visitor, and all PL 110 procedure would be followed while in the United States (covertly, we assume). We estimate CAPELIN's absence from Munich under plan 2b at a maximum

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of six weeks, during which time his filing of first papers will make our control over him much stronger — not that CAPELIN requires an axe over his head, but the stronger the better.

4. Plan 2b, on the other hand (besides CAPELIN's absence), has these disadvantages:

- a. Payment by us for an extra round trip, Germany to America, at least for CAPELIN (his wife seems to want to remain in the United States for a year anyway, although she might change her mind);
- b. Possible action on the part of Headquarters to prompt an invitation from a church group in the United States — although CAPELIN may be able to solicit an invitation himself.

5. In spite of these disadvantages, we tend to favor plan 2b as being less suspicious to the emigration here, presuming again that all aspects of CAPELIN's processing under PL 110 in the U.S. can be kept covert. Headquarters' cabled comments, including approval of either plan, are requested. If plan 2b is followed, the CAPELINS can leave Germany at any time convenient to us; under plan 2a, depending as it does on the schedule of processing followed by Watkins Act immigrants, we estimate Mrs. CAPELIN would not leave before the middle of April, 1954.

6. Incidentally, we can find no mention in anyone's files that the AEBATH project has been approved for Fiscal Year 1954 or any other time. Please advise us if it has been approved; if it has not been approved, please advise us approximately when approval might be expected, and authorize us to purchase for the use of CAPELIN the Ukrainian typewriter mentioned in the Project Outline. Cable reply to this paragraph is requested.

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